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16 SEP 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Significant Activity During the Period 4 September through 15 September 1971

The following activity which occurred during your recent absence may be of interest to you:

DIA Request for Modification of DCID 1/14

In a memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence dated 23 August 1971, Lieutenant General Donald V. Bennett, Director of Defense Intelligence Agency, requested that certain requirements in DCID 1/14 concerning Personnel Security Investigative Requirements, be changed or waived for the Department of Defense. The memorandum was a formalization of comments made by General Bennett in an Executive Session of the United States Intelligence Board on 19 August 1971. Specifically, he was requesting relief from the requirement for reinvestigation to update a security clearance when a background investigation is more than five years old.

The majority conclusion of the USIB Security Committee members, who considered the request on 2 September 1971, was to abide by the current investigative requirements of DCID 1/14. A memorandum to this effect was signed by the Director and forwarded to General Bennett on 10 September 1971. (Copies of General Bennett's and the Director's memoranda are attached, together with two Office of Security papers pertaining to the matter.)

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John W. Conley
Deputy Director
for Support

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- (1) Memo dtd 23 Aug 71 to DCI fm
Gen. Bennett/DIA, subj: Personnel
Security Investigative Requirements (U)

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- (2) Memo dtd 10 Sept 71 to D/DIA fm DCI,
same subject
- (3) Memo dtd 3 Sept 71 to DCI fm A-D/Sec,
subj: DIA Proposal to Change or to Waive
for DoD Certain Investigative Requirements
of DCID 1/14
- (4) Memo dtd 3 Sept 71 to DCI fm A-D/Sec,
subj: Personnel Security Investigative
Requirements

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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23 AUG 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Personnel Security Investigative Requirements (U)

Reference: Director of Central Intelligence Directive 1/14,
1 July 1968, "Uniform Personnel Security Standards and
Practices Governing Access to Sensitive Compartmented
Information."

1. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) Significant decrements have been levied on the General Defense Intelligence Program (GDIP) for FY 72 and FY 73. As Program Manager of the GDIP, I have determined that it is necessary to assess a substantial portion of these decrements against the Counterintelligence and Investigative Activities (CI&IA) elements of the Military Departments.
2. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) Dollar reductions can only be achieved through a reduction in manpower. In turn, this will force us to modify certain functions without incurring unacceptable risks to our security. One area in which substantial savings can be achieved is in the personnel security investigation (PSI) functional area.
3. (C) I have recommended to the Secretary of Defense that DoD PSI policies be modified to reduce PSI workload of the Services. Specifically I have recommended that the requirements for bring-up investigation be changed.
4. (C) Consistent with my recommendations to the Secretary of Defense, I propose a modification to DCID 1/14 with respect to the requirements for a bring-up investigation when a background investigation is more than five years old. In lieu of a bring-up investigation, I recommend the following:
 - a. National Agency Checks.
 - b. Local Agency checks.
 - c. New or updated statement of personal history.

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d. Interview of the subject by a trained security specialist where feasible.

When any of the above actions develops unfavorable information, a further investigation will be accomplished as is necessary.

5. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) In my judgement the proposed change will not significantly degrade security standards to an unacceptable level. In addition, greater impetus can be placed upon security education, security review programs and qualitative counterespionage operations.

6. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) In order to meet the GDIP decrement, I request that extraordinary action be taken to change or to waive for DoD the requirements in DCID 1/14 as outlined in paragraph 4 above, by 1 September 1971.

D. V. Bennett

D. V. BENNETT
Lieutenant General, USA
Director

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10 SEP 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : Personnel Security Investigative Requirements

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Director, DIA to Director of Central Intelligence, dated 23 August 1971, same subject

1. On 2 September 1971, the Security Committee of the United States Intelligence Board convened, at my direction, to review your proposal to change or to waive for the Department of Defense the investigative requirements in DCID 1/14 as those requirements pertain to a reinvestigation for the purpose of updating when a background investigation is more than five years old.

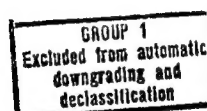
2. The Committee's majority conclusion to abide by the present investigative requirements of DCID 1/14, and one in which I concur, was rendered in accord with the tenor of the times, in which there has been a general tightening and bolstering of security practices and procedures, particularly within the intelligence community.

3. While I appreciate the dilemma which confronts us in these days of strict budgetary reductions, it is my belief that this period of special security concern requires that we hold the line in this vital area, particularly personnel security investigations.

Signed

Richard Helms
Director

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3 SEP 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : DIA Proposal to Change or to Waive for
DoD Certain Investigative Requirements
of DCID 1/14

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the DCI; such action is contained in paragraph 3.

2. Attached are two memoranda under Tabs A and B. Tab A represents the conclusion of the Security Committee of the United States Intelligence Board on 2 September 1971 which was unfavorable to the proposal of Lieutenant General Donald V. Bennett, Director, DIA, to change or to waive for DoD the investigative requirements in DCID 1/14 as those requirements pertain to a reinvestigation for the purpose of updating when a background investigation is more than five years old.

3. Tab B is a memorandum prepared for your signature which advises General Bennett of the Security Committee's conclusion. It is recommended that you sign this memorandum.

[Redacted Signature Box]

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3 SEP 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Personnel Security Investigative Requirements

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Director of DIA to Director of Central Intelligence dated 23 August 1971, same subject

1. On 2 September 1971 the Security Committee of the United States Intelligence Board convened to review the proposal of Lieutenant General Donald V. Bennett, Director, DIA, to change or to waive for DoD the investigative requirements in DCID 1/14 as those requirements pertain to reinvestigation for the purpose of updating when a background investigation is more than five years old.

2. After much discussion ensued in which the members expressed their views on the merit of the Defense Intelligence Agency proposal, a vote was taken by the Acting Chairman in which both facets of the DIA proposal were addressed.

- (a) Proposal #1: Whether the investigative requirements in DCID 1/14 should be revised as those requirements pertain to reinvestigation for the purpose of updating when a background investigation is more than five years old.

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Vote

AEC	No
Air Force	No
Army	Yes
CIA	No
DIA	Yes
FBI	No
Navy	No
NSA	Defer for further study
State	No

- (b) Proposal #2: Whether the investigative requirements in DCID 1/14 should be waived for DoD as those requirements pertain to reinvestigation for the purpose of updating when a background investigation is more than five years old.

Vote

AEC	No
Air Force	No
Army	No
CIA	No
DIA	Yes
FBI	No
Navy	No
NSA	Defer for further study
State	No

3. Since the results of the voting on both proposals constituted a majority in favor of abiding by the current investigative requirements of DCID 1/14 as those requirements pertain to reinvestigation for the purpose of updating, it is recommended that you notify Lieutenant General Donald V. Bennett of the Security Committee's conclusion in this regard.



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